

<u>REMARKS</u>

The specification is being amended to include U.S. government rights.

Applicants submit that no new matter is entered by this Preliminary Amendment and respectfully requests entry of the Amendment. No fee is believed due. However, should there be any fees relating to this Amendment, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

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Respectfully submitted,//

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STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT

Not applicable. The United States Government has rights to this invention pursuant to Grant No. N00014-99-1-0795 from the Office of Naval Research.